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## Bill Summary

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This bill expands the fourth-degree assault protections to employees supervising and working directly with mentally ill and dangerous patients at the Minnesota Security Hospital.

Currently, this subdivision covers employees working in the sex offender programs at Moose Lake and the Minnesota Security Hospital (ch. 253D).

This bill would expand the definition of “secure treatment facility” to include the entire Minnesota Security Hospital. In addition, paragraph (c) amends the crime to include assaults by persons committed as mentally ill and dangerous (§ 253B.18) and patients admitted from jail or prison who are ordered confined for a competency examination (§ 253B.10, cl. (1)).

The penalty for fourth-degree assault under this subdivision is a two-year felony.